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Dear Mr. Wang:

I was deeply honored to meet you during my visit to Shanghai last week and I consider it extremely important that we had the opportunity to exchange views on the peaceful resolution of the Taiwan issue. The United States recognizes and believes peaceful resolution of the Taiwan issue is of paramount importance to the people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait, to the United States, and to the rest of the world.

After the democratic transition on Taiwan, there is understandably a changed dynamic on the island. As such, an opportunity now exists for the leaders of China and Taiwan to creatively and flexibly seek new and innovative solutions.

I also feel our discussions were productive and aided in strengthening the stability of the relationship between the United States and China. I commend and respect you for the accomplishments you have thus far achieved working for the peaceful resolution of the Taiwan issue. I encourage you to resume cross-strait dialogue at the soonest possible time.

I feel my visit to China this time was a major success, due in large part to my important meeting with you. High-level visits like this one increase communication and understanding between our two countries and certainly will contribute to our efforts to ensure a safer and more peaceful 21st century.

Sincerely,